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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

It is requested that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claim:

--7. A device for emptying a film tube which contains a flowable substance and has a dispensing end provided with a ring, the device comprising a cylindrical housing with a displaceable piston and a cap and being adapted to receive the tube between said piston and said cap, said housing having an inner diameter and including an end portion having a ring supporting surface, the cap having a dispensing opening, an annular engaging portion surrounding the dispensing opening and cooperating with said ring for sealing the dispensing end of the tube, and a cylindrical end portion adapted to engage the end portion of the housing, said ring having a peripheral portion which exceeds the inner diameter of the housing for engaging said ring supporting surface, and wherein

a gap remains between mutually facing surfaces of said end portions of the housing and the cap when said housing, cap and tube are assembled with said ring abutting said engaging portion